PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1637

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Michel DRANCOURT et al. Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 10/529,319 Examiner: D. THOMAS

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For: MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA OF GENUS STREPTOCOCCUS

AND RELATED GENERA

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the March 13, 2009 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.